Demand of Gujarat Government for reducing the issue price of gas

1248. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has recently demanded reduction in issue price of natural gas to the industrial and other consumers of Natural gas in that State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the basis for such demand as explained by the State Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to this reason coal consumers of Gujarat have to pay a higher price of coal than the coal producing States as well as the neighbouring States of coal producing States; and

(d) if so, why Central Government are not rationalising the issue price of Natural gas to the Natural Gas consumers of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat have made certain suggestions for changing the principles on which natural gas prices should be fixed.

(c) and (d) Coal prices are fixed on pit head basis and other expenses including royalty, cess, State tax and transportation charges are in addition to the pit head prices and have to be borne by the consumers. The delicered cost of the coal includes transportation costs which vary according to distances. The delivered cost of gas along the HBJ pipeline has been kept uniform after taking into account the cost of the pipeline transportation system as a whole.

Grant of licences for setting up industries in Rajasthan

1249. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and names of industrialists in Rajasthan who have been granted licences for setting up of industries in the State during the last three years; and

(b) which are the places where these licences are setting up their industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 73 industrial licences were granted during the years 1985, 1986 & 1987 for setting up of industries in Rajasthan.

Details, such as name and address of the Undertaking, location, item(s) of manufacture and capacity in respect of all industrial licences issued are published regularly by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletter' Copies of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library.

Petrochemical complex in Rajasthan

1250. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a petro-chemical complex in Rajasthan;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) to (c)

There was a request from the Government of Rajasthan regarding development of petrochemical complex in Rajasthan based on the gas available from HBJ Pipeline. Decision on the setting up of such petrochemical complex is taken on techno economic considerations.

Proposal to increase the incentives for industries in backward regions of Rajasthan

1251. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of industries set up in the backward regions of Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) whether the present package of incentive is not sufficient to attract entrepreneurs to set up industries in the backward areas; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to further increase the incentives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The following Letters of Intent (LOI), Industrial Licences (ILS), Delicensed Industries Registrations (DLR) and DGTD Registration issued to backward districts in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years would show the pace of industrial development of backward districts:—

	LOI	IL	DLR	DGTD REGN.
1985	25	25	44	65
1986	32	12	53	36
1987	42	7	61	40

In addition, upto 1987, 54462 (estimated) permanent SSI Registrations have been issued to Rajasthan (including backward areas).

The following amount of Central investment subsidy were reimbursed to the State of Rajasthan during the last 3 financial years:

1985-86	Rs. 8.59 crores
1986-87	Rs. 6.34 crores
1987-88	Rs. 12.20 crores

There is no proposal to further increase the incentives.

Shortage of petrol and petroleum products in Kashmir Valley

1252. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the exasperatingly acute shortage of petroleum products, particularly petrol, diesel and kerosene oil in Kashmir Valley during September, 1988 consequent upon the blockade of road due to heavy rains resulting in airlifting of these products;

(b) whether this acute shortage due to a few day's closure of road is not contrary to Government's assurances that adequate quantities of these products will be stored in Kashmir Valley;

(c) in view of the undependable nature of the Jammu/Srinagar road and the onset of winter which has already started, what effective steps have been taken by Government to